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Applicants	Guy E. Horne, Jr., <i>et al.</i>
Application No. 10/766,295	Filing Date: January 27, 2004
Title of Application:	Composite Flexible Endoscope Insertion Shaft With Tubular Substructure
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Examiner	Kasztejna, Matthew John

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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is a response to the outstanding Final Office Action mailed May 16, 2006. Please enter this Response to Official Action in the above-referenced application. Applicant believes that the entry of this Response is proper as it places the application in condition for allowance and makes no substantive amendments to the Claims other than to rewrite a dependent claim in independent form. Applicant believes that no fee is due in connection with the filing of this Response. However, if any fee is due please charge Deposit Account No. 19-4516.

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